



# Task: Build a Comprehensive Bookstore Inventory System

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## Objective:

Develop a bookstore inventory system using Express.js, MySQL, and EJS views to manage books with detailed fields.

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## Requirements:

### 1. Database Setup:

- Create a MySQL database and a table to store book information.
- The table should have 5 columns to store the following details:
  - `id` (Primary Key, Auto Increment)
  - `title` (Book Title)
  - `author` (Book Author)
  - `price` (Book Price)
  - `published_year` (Year the Book was Published)

### 2. Express Server:

- Set up an Express server to handle the following functionality:
  - Display a form for adding a new book.
  - Insert the book's details into the database upon form submission.
  - Display a list of all books from the database.
  - Edit a book's details and update them in the database.

- Delete a book from the database.

### 3. Views with EJS:

- Use EJS templates for the following pages:
  - A form page to add a new book.
  - A list page to display all books.
  - A form page to edit existing book details.

### 4. Routes to Implement:

- `GET /books` → Display a list of all books.
- `GET /books/new` → Display the book form.
- `POST /books` → Handle form submission and save the new book into the database.
- `GET /books/:id/edit` → Display a form to edit a book's details.
- `PUT /books/:id` → Update the book details in the database.
- `DELETE /books/:id` → Delete the book from the database.

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## Deliverables:

1. A fully functional server built with Express.js.
2. MySQL database with a table containing 5 columns for book data.
3. EJS templates for the form, list, and edit pages.
4. Code repository link with a README file explaining how to set up and run the project.

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## Deadline:

Provide a realistic deadline for your students (e.g., 2-3 days depending on their pace).

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## **Bonus:**

Encourage students to add basic CSS styling to their pages to make them visually appealing.

Additionally, suggest adding features like "Search by Author" or "Sort by Price" for extra challenge.